

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 959 - SB 924

March 1, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants immunity from prosecution for possession of drug paraphernalia if a person alerts a law enforcement officer to the fact that the person, the person's premises, or the person's vehicle contain a hypodermic needle. The immunity does not apply to other drug paraphernalia that may be found during the search.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Safety, and local law enforcement contacts all confirm that the bill will not significantly impact their operations.
- The bill only grants immunity for hypodermic needles, it does not apply to other drug paraphernalia. The bill will not significantly decrease local incarceration costs for drug paraphernalia convictions relative to hypodermic needles.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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